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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.


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Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.47 million cattle on feed on November 1, up 2 percent from last year and the largest November 1 inventory since the data series began in 1994. Placements of cattle into feedlots during October totaled 665,000 head, up 15 percent from 2010. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 390,000 head, up 5 percent from last year. This is the largest number of marketings for October since the data series began in 1994. Other disappearance during October totaled 15,000 head compared with 10,000 during October 2010.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

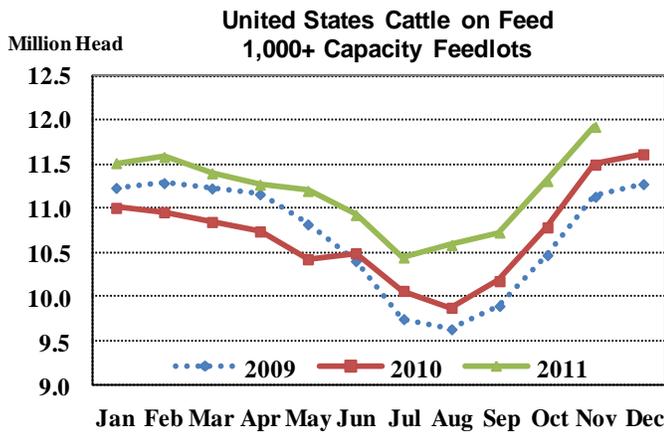
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on November 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above November 1, 2010. This is the second highest November 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.49 million, 1 percent below 2010. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.79 million, 3 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 93,000 head during October, 50 percent above 2010.

Number of Cattle on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2010 and 2011

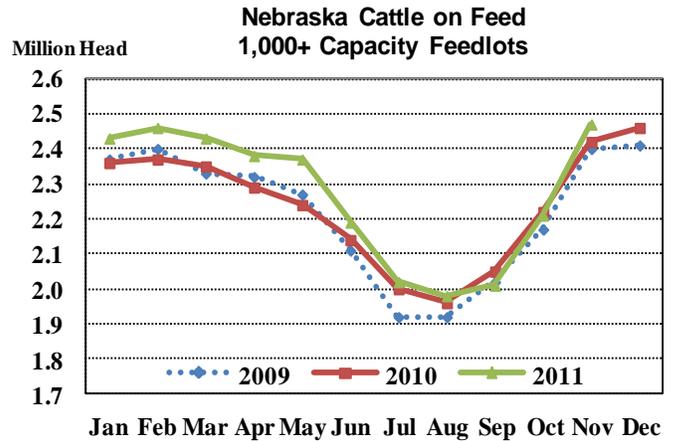
State	November 1 Number on Feed ¹			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance ²		
	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010	2010	2011	<u>2011</u> 2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	251	292	116	32	32	100	20	19	95	1	1	100
California	460	495	108	65	58	89	48	48	100	2	5	250
Colorado	1,090	1,140	105	270	230	85	170	155	91	10	5	50
Idaho	220	225	102	53	55	104	37	48	130	1	2	200
Iowa	610	590	97	142	137	96	100	115	115	2	2	100
Kansas	2,400	2,380	99	435	425	98	350	345	99	15	20	133
Nebraska	2,420	2,470	102	580	665	115	370	390	105	10	15	150
Oklahoma	385	390	101	80	86	108	63	63	100	2	3	150
South Dakota	230	240	104	70	75	107	44	39	89	1	1	100
Texas	2,820	3,030	107	640	570	89	445	460	103	15	30	200
Washington	197	226	115	53	59	111	36	40	111	1	1	100
Other States	414	446	108	85	99	116	51	64	125	2	8	400
United States	11,497	11,924	104	2,505	2,491	99	1,734	1,786	103	62	93	150

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, November 18, 2011



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office



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Number of Cattle on Feed Placed on Feed by Weight Group on 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Month - States and United States: 2010 and 2011

State	During October									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>									
Colorado	55	60	55	50	60	50	100	70	270	230
Kansas	90	110	115	115	125	110	105	90	435	425
Nebraska	170	185	160	180	90	110	160	190	580	665
Texas	220	220	190	140	145	130	85	80	640	570
Other States	190	230	120	115	95	101	175	155	580	601
United States	725	805	640	600	515	501	625	585	2,505	2,491

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed November 18, 2011

Commercial Livestock Slaughter

October 2011 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. October 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, October 2011 with Comparisons

Item	Total ¹	Oct. 2011 Percent of	
		Oct. 2010	Sep. 2011
<i>1,000 Head</i>			
Nebraska			
Cattle, head	592.6	101	102
Hogs, head	714.3	102	106
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	641.7	102	104
United States			
Cattle, head	2,857.0	100	99
Calves, head	72.6	102	99
Hogs, head	9,906.4	102	102
Sheep & Lambs, head	174.6	86	99
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	4,270.9	100	102

¹ Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, November 23, 2011

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, October 2011 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Oct. 2011 Percent of	
		Oct. 2010	Sep. 2011
<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>			
Total red meats	928,223	101	98
Beef	414,215	100	97
Pork	490,695	102	100
Poultry	1,106,182	96	93
Turkey	407,167	99	80
Chicken	695,495	95	104

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, November 22, 2011

Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, October 2011 with Comparisons

Item	Millions		Percent
	2010	2011	
<i>Number of Layers</i>			
Nebraska	9.5	9.0	95
United States	336.8	335.8	100
<i>Table Eggs Produced</i>			
Nebraska	238	225	95
United States	6,618	6,743	102
<i>Chickens Hatched, October</i>			
United States			
Egg-type	41.3	37.8	92
Broiler	768.1	717.4	93

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, November 22, 2011

Milk Cows and Production by Month -- 23 Selected States: 2010-2011

Month	Milk Cows ¹		Milk per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	Change from 2010
	<i>Thousand head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,319	8,404	1,784	1,810	14,839	15,213	2.5
February	8,323	8,405	1,642	1,664	13,670	13,987	2.3
March	8,329	8,426	1,848	1,870	15,389	15,757	2.4
April	8,337	8,435	1,825	1,834	15,213	15,471	1.7
May	8,347	8,451	1,893	1,901	15,804	16,063	1.6
June	8,356	8,460	1,817	1,819	15,186	15,389	1.3
July	8,375	8,468	1,829	1,819	15,316	15,400	0.5
August	8,369	8,471	1,792	1,812	14,998	15,347	2.3
September	8,371	8,473	1,730	1,741	14,481	14,750	1.9
October	8,372	8,483	1,767	1,787	14,796	15,161	2.5
November	8,373		1,722		14,421		
December	8,387		1,791		15,025		
Annual	8,355		21,440		179,138		

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, November 18, 2011

Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers, Selected Regions and United States, October 10-16, 2010 & October 9-15, 2011¹

Region ²	Hired Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
	2010	2011			2010	2011	Field		Livestock	
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>							
Lake	67	77	11.88	11.83	11.58	11.59	10.06	10.71	11.05	11.30
Cornbelt I	56	50	11.54	11.38	11.19	11.15	10.48	11.01	10.95	11.10
Cornbelt II	29	33	11.60	11.66	11.62	12.07	11.02	10.60	11.40	11.50
Northern Plains	38	39	11.93	12.13	12.26	12.58	10.79	10.61	11.70	11.85
Southern Plains	52	45	10.30	10.78	9.68	9.53	10.01	11.03	9.85	10.10
Mountain I	22	29	10.60	10.45	10.11	10.38	9.66	10.08	9.90	10.25
Mountain II	19	18	11.95	11.36	10.91	10.90	11.01	10.22	10.95	10.60
United States ³	827	828	11.13	11.15	10.49	10.54	10.28	10.67	10.43	10.57

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ² Regions consist of the following states: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah. ³ Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 17, 2011

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates, Selected States and United States, 2010-2011^{1,2}

State	Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	<i>Dollars per hour</i>					
Lake	11.37	11.40	11.23	11.09	10.62	10.78
Cornbelt I	11.44	11.68	11.03	11.18	10.84	11.10
Cornbelt II	11.18	11.67	10.96	11.84	11.03	11.50
Northern Plains	11.83	11.97	12.01	12.04	11.52	11.61
Southern Plains	10.12	10.43	9.30	9.57	9.65	9.88
Mountain I	10.49	10.55	10.03	10.26	9.90	10.19
Mountain II	11.30	11.46	10.41	10.50	10.48	10.43
United States ³	10.95	11.07	10.19	10.33	10.22	10.36

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. ² Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. ³ Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 17, 2011

Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary November 2011 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		November 2010 ¹	October 2011 ¹	November 15, 2011 ²	November 2010 ¹	October 2011 ¹	November 15, 2011 ²
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Wheat, All	Bushel	5.80	6.67	6.70	6.10	7.29	7.33
Corn	Bushel	4.46	5.61	5.90	4.55	5.71	6.00
Oats	Bushel	3.30	(D)	3.50	3.07	3.70	3.40
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	8.21	10.70	11.20	8.44	10.70	11.00
Soybeans	Bushel	10.90	11.70	11.30	11.10	11.70	11.50
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	74.00	118.00	125.00	110.00	181.00	176.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	78.00	126.00	135.00	117.00	203.00	198.00
Other, Baled	Ton	64.00	93.00	94.00	97.80	129.00	122.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	23.80	43.00	43.90	26.70	41.60	44.40
Hogs	Cwt	49.10	(NA)	(NA)	47.80	68.70 ³	65.70 ³
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	49.20	(NA)	(NA)	48.00	69.00 ³	65.90 ³
Sows	Cwt	45.40	(NA)	(NA)	43.30	61.80 ³	61.50 ³
Beef Cattle	Cwt	99.60	(NA)	(NA)	94.00	117.00 ³	119.00 ³
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	101.00	(NA)	(NA)	101.00	122.00 ³	125.00 ³
Cows	Cwt	54.10	(NA)	(NA)	51.50	65.00 ³	65.70 ³
Calves	Cwt	131.00	(NA)	(NA)	125.00	145.00 ³	152.00 ³
Sheep	Cwt	55.10	(NA)	(NA)	54.80	(NA)	(NA)
Lambs	Cwt	139.00	(NA)	(NA)	143.00	(NA)	(NA)

¹Entire month average except hay. ²Preliminary. ³Price data source is USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued. U.S. sheep and lamb prices discontinued. Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, November 30, 2011

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